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For: SPEECH CODING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTING ACCEPTABLE  
IN-CHANNEL TRANSMISSION OF NON-SPEECH SIGNALS

Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of 84 pages

30 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings

An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee

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Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.76

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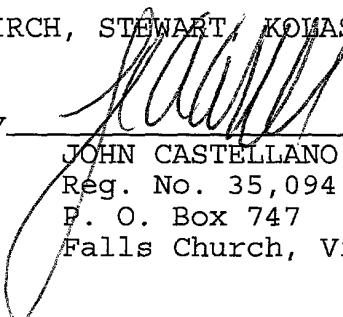
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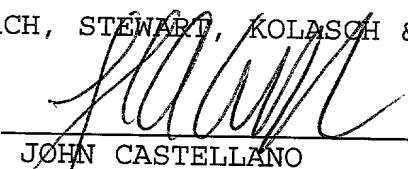
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